Minutes of meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Black River Falls on September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School LMC.

Clerk, Amy Hoffman, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Rozmenoski (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), Patty Jacobson, Amy Hoffman, Nehomah Thundercloud, Scott Barton.

Board Members Absent: Mary Jo Radcliffe, Laurel Meek.

Meeting commenced with the verification of Public Notice.

Public Comment – None

Amy Hoffman moved to relocate Agenda item 9.2.1 Discussion Regarding Third Street School Site, to after Agenda item 6.1 Board Commendation. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Severson and Amy Hoffman presented a Board Commendation to Dawn Jacobson for her work in getting our District recognized as a Safe Sports School.

The Board discussed the Third Street School site. Demolition should start in November. Mr. Ken Artis spoke about the need for housing that allows pets. He feels that the land that will soon be vacant at the Third Street School site would be a good place for such housing. The Board will discuss the option of selling the land at a future meeting.

There were three gifts presented to the Board. Dave and Sherry Olson donated $100 to the High School Swim Team in honor of their daughter, Kelsey. $500 was donated by the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers for the FFA activity area. Nehomah moved to accept the two gifts as presented. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The Board decided that when there’s a donation of an item, such as a park bench, the District will decide on the bench to
be purchased and the donator may purchase the chosen bench and a plaque in memory/in honor of their loved one.

(6:33 p.m. – School Board President, Mary Jo Rozmenoski, arrived and took over facilitating the meeting.)

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the employment recommendations as presented. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the field trip requests as presented. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Severson reported on the number and types of bullying incidents that occurred during the 2015-2016 school year. Numbers are down from previous years.

Sherry Holt reported on the seclusion and restraint report from the 2015-2016 school year. The numbers are down from previous years and she credits the work that’s been done with PBIS and also the Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training.

Nehomah Thundercloud moved to approve the monthly expenditures. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The Community Facility Survey, that was conducted in 2014, was reviewed by the Board in order to identify the facility needs that weren’t covered by the referendum but still need attention. The next items that were listed were add/renovate/relocate art, band, chorus and agriculture classrooms and student weight room, and relocate bus garage to increase parking/site traffic flow.

The District Office is currently under construction. Anticipated completion will be mid-November. The Third Street School auction brought in $10,800. Asbestos abatement will begin and demolition will start in November. Dr. Severson will be meeting with the City to talk about extending the sidewalk between Forrest Street and the driveway at Red Creek.

The Board reviewed the first readings of Policies 151 Board Policy Development, 151.3 Board Review of Administrative Rules, 151.1 Policy Dissemination and Implementation, 720 Safety Plan, 672 Purchasing Plan, 534 Substitute Teachers, 531 Professional Staff Positions, and 833 Use of Weight Training Facilities.
Nehomah Thundercloud moved to authorize Jill Collins to receive banking information from Black River Country Bank via the phone. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mary Jo Rozmenoski moved to accept the Reading Recovery Agreement with the Stanley-Boyd District. Patty Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Amy Hoffman moved to approve the meeting minutes from the August 15, 2016 School Board meeting. Scott Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The District Administrators report:
- Dr. Severson reported on the Career Academy Night that will be held at CESA #4 on September 28, 2016.
- November 2, 2016 is the Job Fair at the High School.
- The Good Neighbors Program will be providing us with Good Will vouchers to hand out to families in need.

The Principals and Assistant Principals reported on activities at their schools.

Future Agenda Items: The Board would like information on the ALICE training that the staff has received. They would also like to have the Third Street land appraised.

Patty Jacobson moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Amy Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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Amy Hoffman, Clerk                                                     Marti Herzberg, Recording Secretary